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Comments:

a. The record throws significant light on the financial difficulties of the eastern zone railways, which in addition to current expenses have to turn over annually 250 million marks to the state.

b. The following proposals were submitted in order to increase receipts:

1. Adaptation of passenger traffic to actual requirements.
2. Employment of 16 railroad motor cars on much frequented lines.
3. Advance booking of seats.
4. Introduction of second class compartments with an advance of 50 percent on second class tickets.
5. Prohibition of carrying passengers on busses and trucks. (This is probably to be applied only on routes where railroad lines are available, particularly for inter-zonal traffic).
6. Operating of special trains for so-called conducted tours.
7. Introduction of special Sunday return tickets.
8. Reform of railroad tariffs.
9. Control of trains by people's controllers.
10. Issuance at every railroad station of special tickets authorizing the bearers to enter platforms.
11. Conclusion of more favorable contracts.
12. More effective employment of personnel.

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